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Spring fever brings the blues

Spring is in the air and allergies are on the rise. Utah has a high pollen count that causes allergic reactions in some students.

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Alpine district grows swiftly

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> "We are expecting 10,000 new students within the next five to seven years."
> —Michael Robinson
> Alpine School District

Residents in the Alpine School District voted Tuesday and passed a bond that will fund the building of new schools and renovation of old ones.

The district proposed the $200 million bond to help alleviate growing pains caused by a sudden influx of new students.

"We are expecting 10,000 new students within the next five to seven years," said Michael Robinson, a public relations officer for the school district.

The district is experiencing the impact of large, growing families living in an optimal location.

"There has been an inordinate amount of growth in the area, resulting in a lot of development," Robinson said. "The job market is such that people are able to stay in the area for longer periods of time."

Alpine is the largest school district in Utah County, providing education for 46,764 students, compared to other districts like Provo with 13,114 students.

Work will begin on a new elementary school in Eagle Mountain, but district administrators said there will also be 45 schools under renovation as a result of the new bond.

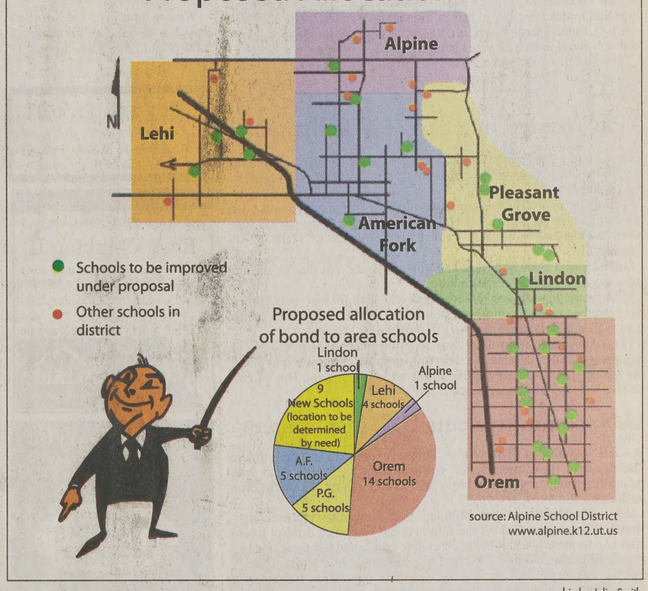
The bond will be funded by implementing a property tax that will affect local residents, and some residents feel that the property tax will be too much.

"I think that they are asking too much. They waste a lot of money for administrative purposes," said Sandy Shaw, a resident of Pleasant Grove.

Diane Jones of Cedar Hills feels that when construction terminates, an increase in property tax will not be beneficial to the community.

"It would be nice to have some of the school district's equipment updated," said Alisha Peterson, a former student of the Alpine School District and a resident of Provo.

The bond passed with 55.22 percent, statistics show.



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We're Having a Heat Wave
Toddys' forecast for California:
Sacramento 91
San Francisco 77
Fresno 96
Los Angeles 80
San Diego 68
high temperatures and high power demands resulted in blackouts Tuesday.
California has had 5 blackouts this year.
Officials expect similar demands on California's power grid today.

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Polygamist: church at fault

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Tom Green accused The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of conspiring in his prosecution in a press conference Monday, because of the involvement of a BYU professor.

Dean of the J. Reuben Clark Law School, H. Reese Hansen, said the law school is not involved in the prosecution.

Green accused the church of being involved because several motions filed by the state were faxed from the BYU Law School.

Green pointed out that BYU professor Monte Stewart has been aiding Juab County Attorney, David Leavitt.

Hansen said BYU law professors are permitted to consult with other lawyers as long as they do not violate any university conflict of interest rules.

According to Hansen, Stewart has not strayed from university policies through the pretrial proceedings.

Hansen said Stewart asked for permission to assist in the prosecution of Green.

"Green is being charged with very serious crimes. This is not a church or law school conspiracy," Hansen said. "As far as library resources go, Green can use them just like anyone else."

Stewart could not comment on the case, citing the restraining order on participants in the trial.

Green will stand trial next week on four counts of bigamy and criminal nonsupport.

Green said he is not being prosecuted because he practices polygamy, but because he has the courage to stand up and say so.

Green is being tried on how he received $54,420 from Utah taxpayers to support 13 of his 29 children.

Green also faces rape charges — a first-degree felony with a mandatory sentence of life in prison.

Because Green's lawyers filed a motion for separation last summer, the rape will be tried in a separate trial.

The trial for bigamy and criminal nonsupport will begin May 14 in the Fourth District Court in Provo. No date has been set for the rape trial.

Heating up, losing power

More blackouts leave California stuck in the dark

Associated Press

FOLSOM, Calif. — Hot weather and a high number of power plants down for maintenance forced a second straight day of rolling blackouts that hit nearly 300,000 customers Tuesday.

California grid operators cut power for about two hours in pockets from San Diego to Sacramento. Los Angeles, which has its own utility and is not reliant on the state's power grid, was not affected.

"We just have run out of supply available and (we have) high demand because of high temperatures," said Lorie O'Donley, an ISO spokeswoman.

The state may be looking at a "long week" because of continued high temperatures, she said.

The ISO, which manages of the state's power grid, said it imported more power from the Northwest and Canada to avoid blackouts in the morning.

The blackouts were called off at 5:15 p.m., said Jim McIntosh, ISO's director of operations. But, officials said they expected similar problems Wednesday.

"We thought tomorrow was going to be a break," McIntosh said. "Right now, our forecast is for very similar load conditions."

He didn't expect any increase in supply until Wednesday, when a 750-megawatt plant was expected to return to service.

San Francisco city officials said the outages affected several of the city's most heavily traveled streets just as rush hour started.

"Our biggest problem is going to be gridlock," said John Daly, of the San Francisco Office of Emergency Services. "It'll probably take the duration of the evening to get traffic running again."

Consumers did not seem to conserve as much as they did during Monday's blackouts, said Director of Grid Operations Jim McIntosh. He said the state's demand climbed along with higher afternoon temperatures, meaning consumers likely weren't cutting back on air conditioning or other power uses.

ISO engineers were able to purchase 400 megawatts of power from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; however, that did not ease the shortage sufficiently.

California has had six days of blackouts this year.

Temperatures in the inland areas and Southern California were expected to reach the mid-90s. Hot weather in Northern California was also expected.

On Monday, record-breaking heat and the shutdown of several key plants for pre-summer maintenance led grid managers to cut off power to about 103,000 customers late in the afternoon. The first round of blackouts in California since March.

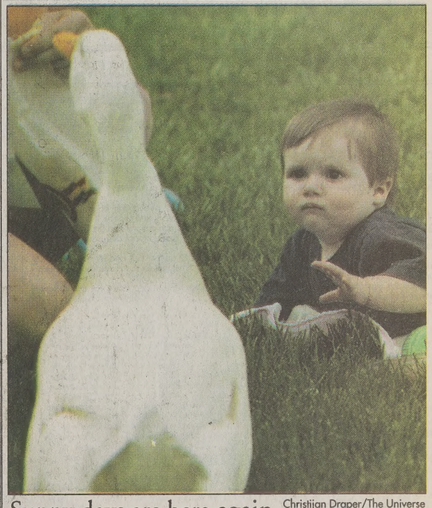
Utility giant Pacific Gas and Electric Co. cut off about 54,000 customers in Northern and Central California. An additional 36,000 commercial, industrial and residential customers of Southern California Edison were affected.

San Diego Gas & Electric cut power to about 8,600 customers in Orange County, El Cajon and areas of San Diego. The Sacramento Municipal Utility District cut 18 megawatts, affecting about 4,600 customers in southern Sacramento County.

Tight electricity supplies and high demand led to two days of rolling blackouts Jan. 17 and 18 in Northern California. The ISO ordered statewide blackouts March 19 and 20 because of scarce power supplies.

The utilities blame the crisis on 1996 deregulation legislation designed to open up California's electricity market to competition. Among other things, the law temporarily capped the rate the state's largest utilities could charge customers even while they were forced to pay soaring prices for wholesale electricity.

In April, PG&E filed for bankruptcy, and SoCal Edison is teetering on the edge of insolvency.



Sunny days are here again — Christijan Draper/The Universe

Ethan Stewart of Provo sits near the Botany Pond. Warm spring weather brings Provo residents outdoors.

DEVOTIONAL

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NATION

…s new plan …federal aid …vate schools

…NGTON — President …posed a multibillion …hool-improvement plan …y that would shift fed…ey to private schools …lic education fails. He …east-minute provision in …to Democrats opposed …vouchers.

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—*Associated Press*

WORLD

…a detains …U.S. man, …holds lawyer

… — A U.S.-based busi…held in China is sufferi…-threatening aneurysm …been denied access to …his American lawyer …day.

…ng, a permanent U.S. …was detained March 8 …been accused of fraud …evasion, though police …d no evidence, said …Cohen, a New York …law professor.

… was healthy when he …ned, but has received …y medical treatment at …e times and may have …tured, Cohen said in …

… a man who has an …n on an artery that …the brain," he said. …y could die at any …

… who have seen Liu …e is in "bad shape," …keep food down and …ated over authorities' …let him see family or a …phen said.

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

New task force to combat terrorism

WASHINGTON — President Bush directed the agency that normally deals with floods and tornadoes to tackle terrorism as well.

In a statement Tuesday, Bush ordered the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish an Office of National Preparedness to coordinate a "seamlessly integrated, harmonious and comprehensive" response to biological, chemical or nuclear weapons.

Joe Allbaugh, the FEMA director, told senators the new office will coordinate efforts by several dozen federal agencies responsible for dealing with terrorist acts.

The office will serve as organizer to make sure local and state agencies are prepared for terrorism.

Vice President Dick Cheney will lead a new task force on terrorist threats to, in his words "figure out how we best respond to that kind of disaster of major proportions that in effect would be manmade or man-caused."

Rape conviction reversed after 15 years

LEXINGTON, Okla.— Jeffery Pierce insisted for 15 years that he was not a rapist.

On Monday, Pierce walked out of prison after prosecutors confirmed that he had been wrongfully convicted of rape.

Pierce bitterly blamed the Oklahoma County district attorney's office and the Oklahoma City Police Department, and accused them of sending other innocent people to prison. He said he planned to file a lawsuit.

A jury found Pierce guilty in 1986 of sexually assaulting a woman, and sentenced him to 65 years behind bars.

"The last thing any good prosecutor wants to do is put an innocent person in jail," District Attorney Bob Macy told The Daily Oklahoman.

Man arrested on charges of kidnapping

INDIANA — A former Baptist school principal accused of running off with an 11-year-old girl was captured Tuesday by the FBI in a Las Vegas-area hotel.

William A. Beith, 28, was arrested on federal charges of coercing and enticing a minor into sexual acts and transporting a minor across state lines for sexual purposes, said FBI agent Doug Garrison in Indianapolis.

Garrison said both Beith and the girl were safe, but that he did not have any other details of the capture.

"The family is very, very relieved and very grateful that their prayers have been answered," said Jerry Kaifetz, a friend of the girl's family who was at their home when the FBI called with the news.

The sixth-grader from Gary was reported missing May 1 after an argument with her parents at a discount store. An employee told police she was crying and seen running in the store parking lot. Her parents believe she may have telephoned Beith

U.N. committee cuts U.S. involvement

WASHINGTON — The White House expressed disappointment Tuesday over the United States' removal from an international drug monitoring body, saying the move will thwart efforts to control drug trafficking.

U.S. officials confirmed Monday that American representative Herbert Okun was voted off the International Narcotics Control Board after two terms in a secret ballot procedure conducted last week. He had served on the panel since 1992 and was seeking a third term.

Okun was rejected Thursday by the same procedure that cost the United States its seat on the United Nations' human rights commission in another vote the same day. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said President Bush was disappointed by the two defeats — votes in which Fleischer said several nations had given the United States written assurances of their support.

Bush plans to announce his own drug-fighting strategy later this week, Fleischer added. "Despite this (U.N.) action, the president will continue to hold America high in fighting the scourge of drug use around the world."

Weather

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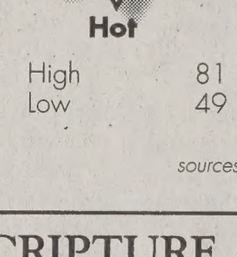
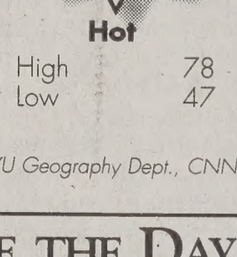
High 79 as of		
Low 49 5 p.m.	Hot	Hot
	High 81	High 78
	Low 49	Low 47

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0"
Month to date: 0.00"
Year to date: 16.93"

sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day

"I perceive that ye are weak, that ye cannot understand all my words which I am commanded of the Father to speak unto you at this time. Therefore go ye unto your homes, and ponder upon the things which I have said, and ask of the Father, in my name, that ye may understand, and prepare your minds for the morrow, and I come unto you again."

— 3 Nephi 17:2-3

Jacob Draper, 24, a film major from Chignik Bay, Ark., likes this scripture because "the Lord knows our weaknesses. He doesn't expect us to know everything there is to know now, just to be willing to improve."

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Complex's gas line breaks

Lack of gas line-marking stakes may have caused breakage in Liberty Square

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Construction workers broke a gas line Tuesday morning at Liberty Square Apartments while installing a sprinkler line.

Several emergency vehicles were summoned to the scene for safety precaution.

"There was no environmental damage," said Troy Wilson, Provo Fire Captain.

"Our crews arrived on the scene just in case anything caught on fire," he said.

Wilson said backhoe workers struck a gas pipe on the corner of 600 N. and 500 East around 11 a.m.

Spokeswoman for Questar Gas, Audra Sorensen, said Questar received the call around 11 a.m. and arrived on the scene by 11:50 a.m. with the gas clamped by 12:05 p.m.

Tom Kuhlman, Provo Fire Department battalion chief said he believed the gas to be leaking from a three-quarter inch pipe.

He credited a soft breeze with dissipating the gas, keeping the gas from flowing into contained areas.

Kuhlman said firefighters prevented gas from mixing with oxygen, while officials blockaded the street and evacuated parts of the building until Questar arrived to control the leak.

In order to prevent gas leaks, Questar marks gas lines with blue stakes so they are not hit.

"Leaks are a good reminder that areas should be blue-staked before any type of digging, from a backhoe to a backyard project," Sorenson said.

The blue stakes are placed within a two-foot safety zone of the pipe.

Kuhlman said he believed the area had not been blue-staked prior to the digging Tuesday at Liberty Square.

> **"Leaks are a good reminder that areas should be blue-staked before any type of digging."**
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> —Aydra Sorensen
> Spokeswoman for Questar

Contract set... tlement nee... majority vo...

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The he... the Hollywood writers ... agreed Tuesday to forward ... tative contract settlement ... guild's nearly 11,000 me... for a vote.

The ballot deadline is Jun...

The guild requires a s... majority of votes to certif... three-year pact, which negot... recommended on Friday a... series of marathon bargainin... sions.

The Writers Guild of An... leaders "voted unanimous... approve the terms of the pro... 2001 contract and to recom... that the 11,000 members o... guilds vote to ratify the con... the WGA said in a state... Tuesday evening.

The previous writers co... expired May 2.

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The New York Times Crossword puzzle

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pring brings allergy oes to BYU students

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time — for some stu- s is a time of year spent by the pool or hiking in tains.
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n worse this year than I nber. My eyes get really as soon as I itch them y just don't stop," he

s are caused when the system reacts to sub- lled allergens, accord- the Web site, www.adam.com, a site designed to deliver health and medical information. Allergens such as dust, dander and pollen, are usually harmless to most people.

When an allergen enters the body of people with sensitive immune systems, it trigers antibodies to fight the foreign substance.

Every time these people breathe in that allergen, their immune systems release large quantities of histamine and other chemicals.

This release of histamine is what causes the itching, swelling and watery eyes which accompany allergies, according to the Web site.

> "It's been worse this year than I can remember"
>
> — Jared Harrison, BYU student

Terry Bastian, a pharmacist for B & H Pharmacy in Provo, said most over-the-counter medications have been on the market for a long tim and tend to cause drowsiness.

Newer medications are more efficient and contain drugs that do not cause drowsiness. Since these medications are newer, the government regulates them as prescription drugs, Bastian said.

There are other treatments available for allergies, said Ann Daybell, a registered nurse.

The easiest treatment is avoidance, or staying inside, she said.

For people who cannot stay inside and are not helped by over-the-counter medications, Daybell said desensitization, also known as allergy shots, is the best solution..

Allergy shots include regular injections of the allergen to help acclimate the body to the allergen.

The shots are administered weekly for three to five years, and is the most permanent form of allergy treatment, Daybell said.

Custodial crews rally to repair water pipe

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The N. Eldon Tanner Building will heat up along with spring weather the next two weeks due to a broken chilled-water pipe near the building.

The pipe broke early Saturday evening and flooded the first floor of the TNRB with mud and water, forcing crews to work overtime.

Within 15 minutes of the break crews were in the building to clean the mud, said Rixa Oman, assistant to the dean of the Marriott School of Management.

BYU custodial crews from other buildings and the TNRB worked until midnight to clean the floors, some members came back at 5 a.m. Sunday to clean before church.

This chilled-water pipe delivers water to the TNRB, the Jesse Knight Humanities Building and the Smith Family Living Center.

Because no isolation valves had been installed on the main chilled-water pipe when the TNRB was built, air conditioning to all three buildings was cut.

Employees could not work on the broken pipe until they had shut off water to the other two buildings causing the air conditioning to be cut, said Vern Sanford, an employee of the BYU Mechanical Shop.

Employees dug a hole approximately 15-feet deep in the road on the east side of the TNRB in order to reach the main pipe, he said.

Sanford and the mechanical crew worked until midnight Monday to shut off the water valve and have the air conditioning to the JKHB and SFLC restored by Tuesday.

"When something like this happens, it's a(top) priority," Sanford said.

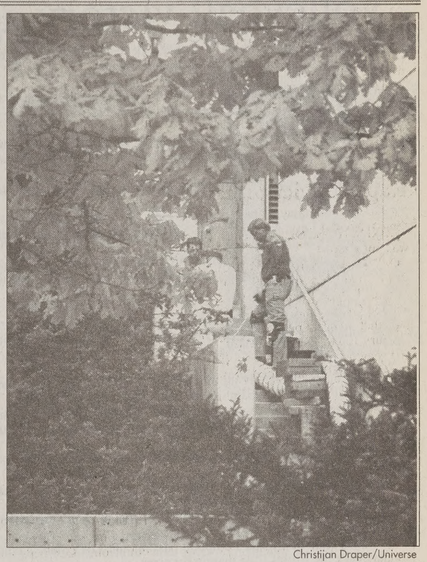
The mechanical crew plans to install isolation valves that will allow them to turn off the water to one building without affecting other buildings in the event of another broken pipe, Sanford said.

Once the isolation valves are installed, the mechanical crew will have to tear out the northeast exterior stairs of the TNRB to reach the actual break, he said.

Not much interior damage occurred, but the extent of the exterior damage is not yet known, Sanford said.

The cause of the break in the pipe is not known, although Sanford said settling in the ground can cause pipes to snap.

Oman said classes in the TNRB would continue in rooms affected by the flood. Flooding was limited to some first-floor classrooms, the northeast exit, the elevator and mechanical rooms.



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Workers attempt to fix the AC system in the Tanner Building.

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Volleyball victory again

Carl McGown, head coach of the men's volleyball team, came to Provo 12 years ago trying to sell a California sport to ski-loving Utahns.

What he's done since is nothing short of a miracle.

Saturday night, BYU dominated UCLA in three straight games to win the 2001 NCAA Championships. The Cougars find themselves on top of the volleyball world for the second time in three years.

The men's volleyball team joins only the women's cross-country team as two-time NCAA champions from BYU. The Cougars are now 4-0 in the NCAA Championship Tournament.

But perhaps the most amazing thing McGown and his Cougars have done is turn Provo into a volleyball hotspot.

Friday and Saturday nights, formerly reserved for dollar movies and late night shopping at Food 4 Less, have now seen 5,000-plus people pack the Smith Fieldhouse to cheer on their Cougars.

When your gathering has become a fire hazard, you know you've hit jackpot.

Instead of ordering for pizza, students fight over foam balls to see who can slide on their stomachs the farthest.

And people cheer for it.

Perhaps the only thing bigger than the volleyball vibe is the team itself.

Most volleyball teams have two main stars whom opponents can focus on. Shut the stars down – shut the team down.

Not the Cougars.

If it's not Scott Bunker flying through the middle and powering the ball through a block, then it's Mike Wall painting the line with a cross-court spike.

And if somehow opponents manage to stop Joaquin Acosta's punishing outside hitting, setter Hector Lebron will dump the ball for a point before the other team knows what to do.

It's BYU's balance that has become the benchmark for NCAA men's volleyball teams.

Think about this: Mac Wilson led the Cougars with seven blocks against the Bruins and didn't even start most of the year because of an injury.

Matt Olsen, the nation's leader in hitting percentage, didn't even step on the court in the title game while Wilson worked his magic.

And with Fernando Pessoa's pinpoint passing and Luka Slabe's clutch serving, the Cougars gave the Bruins little margin for error.

UCLA must have felt like it was standing in front of a firing squad – and BYU wasn't shooting blanks.

It wasn't always packed stadiums and National Championships for the Cougars. McGown's first season ended with a 5-22 record, and then in 1991, the Cougars finished 2-25.

But the Cougars learned quickly from McGown's volleyball expertise and steadily approached the upper echelon of NCAA teams.

McGown brought a wealth of experience with him to BYU. He coached the USA men's team from 1973-1976 and has been a technical advisor for the team since 1980.

At BYU, he's coached 10 different All-Americans, eight players who have played for the United States in international competition and three others who have gone on to play for their native country's national teams.

In other words, McGown knows his stuff, and the Cougars' success can be directly linked to him.

If the Cougars want to continue their recent success, they should take a long look at the tradition and dominance of UCLA.

The Bruins have 18 titles, Al Scates, a legendary coach in his own right, and the most impressive list of volleyball alumni anywhere.

But if BYU can continue to build on its solid base, the Cougars might just have the makings of their own volleyball dynasty.

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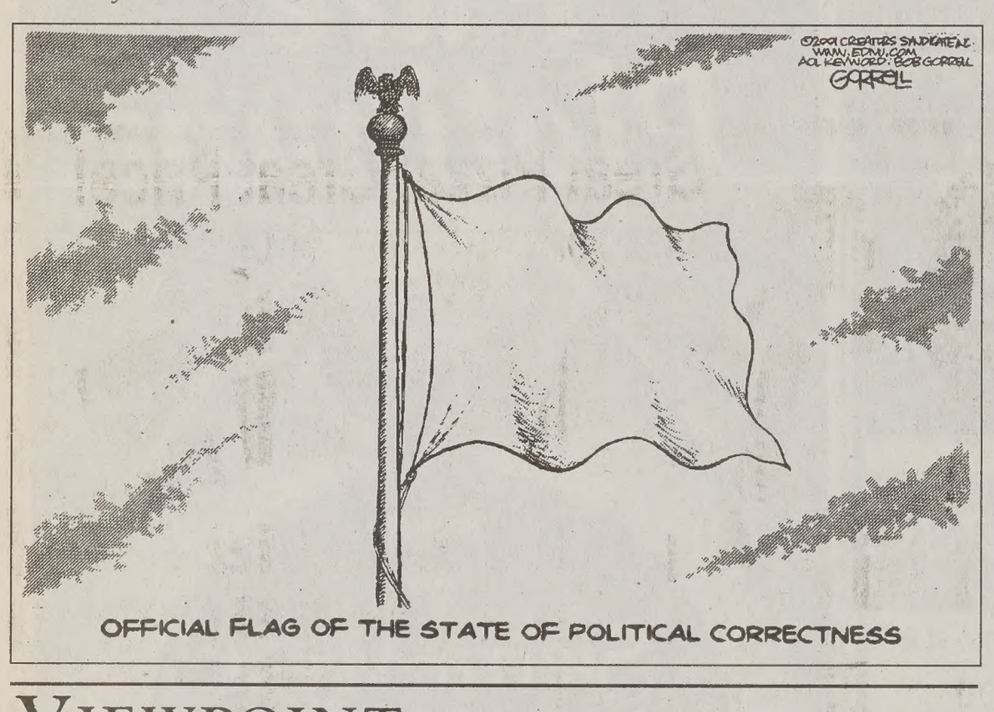


VIEWPOINT

Love thy neighbor

Nate Bertasso

City Editor

Other than the amplitude and hour of their noisemaking, all too often, student's know very little about their neighbors.

Brent and Carly, a young married couple, and their single friend Gary, gathered to watch an NCAA basketball tournament game last semester at the couple's apartment. After a strong showing by their team, the couple headed up to campus for a meeting and Gary stayed at their house to watch the last half hour of the game.

The couple returned later that evening, long after the conclusion of the game, and found a message from Gary — "Thanks for letting me watch the game. By the way, the police stopped by."

As Gary watched his team unravel in the second half, he took over as coach and yelled at his players through the screen. (For those of you that don't know, when guys yell at TV screens, the players really do hear them.)

After his team won, Gary was left to flip through the channels and cool down. It was during the "cool down period" that two of Provo's finest showed up at the door.

Gary was informed they were not sent to this apartment on a disturbing the peace call for his prolific name-calling; rather they arrived at the door on a domestic violence call.

Domestic violence? It wasn't as if Gary could sit there and beat himself up.

The officers asked where Gary's wife was (he was probably wondering the same thing) and after explaining he wasn't married and was merely watching the game at his married friends' apartment, the officers searched the apartment.

When all was said and done, the police officers had done their job well and had responded as anyone would hope they would have. However, a couple was left sitting in their apartment wondering which of their neighbors called the police on them.

Anyone who knows the couple in the story would know that the husband is about as timid as they come and in any fight, it would be the wife who would be putting the husband's life in imminent danger.

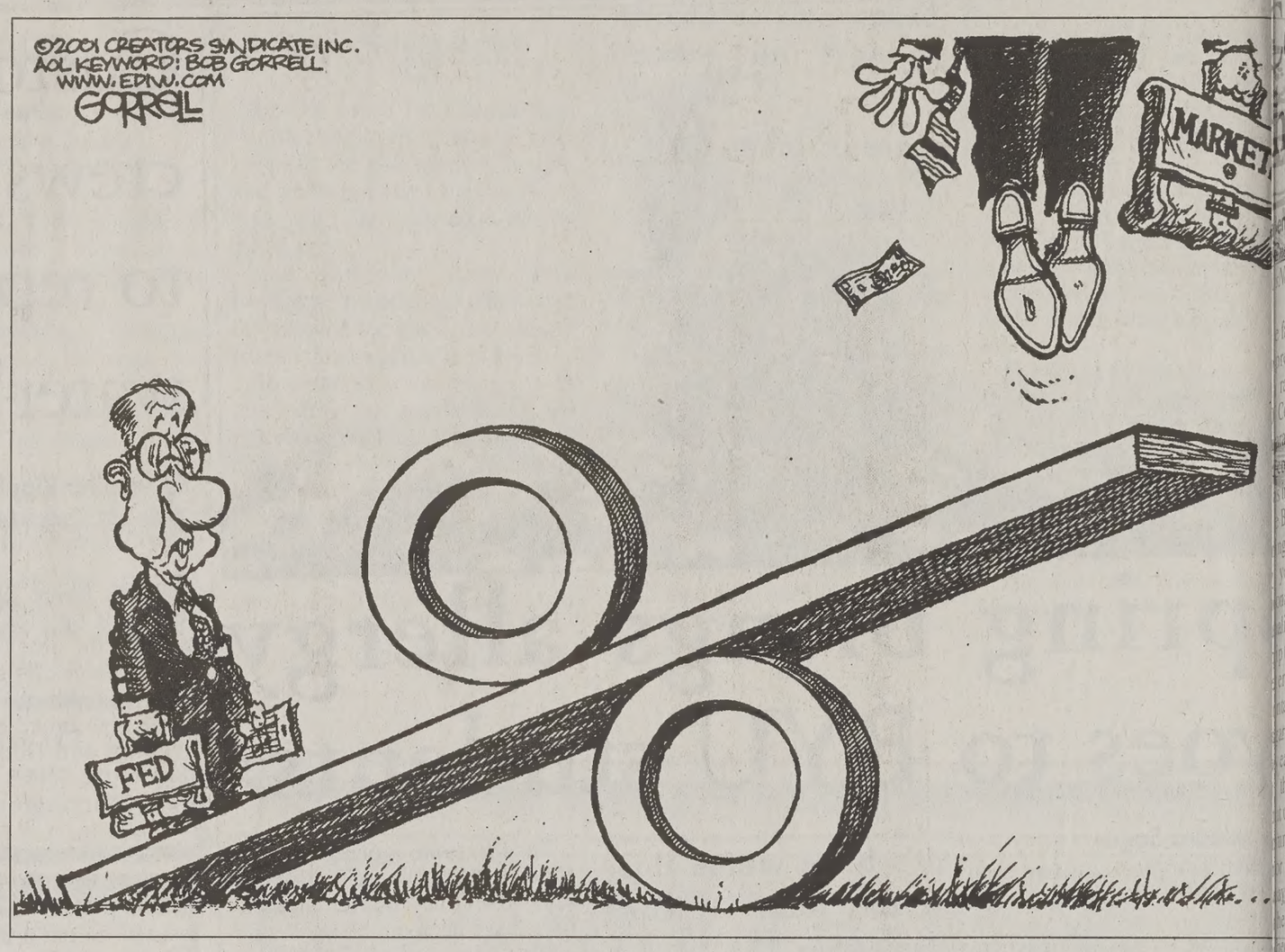
Singles know the same story. The single apartment is holding a small gathering loosely called a party. The midnight hour approaches, and without a word from a neighbor, two police officers show up at the door explaining that a neighbor had called complaining about the noise

Have no fear; there are a few solutions to this problem. One solution is putting a drinking glass to the wall. If you are going to listen, get the facts straight. It is amazing how much a person can hear if he or she only takes the time to walk to the kitchen and grab a drinking glass.

If the first solution isn't novel enough, consider getting to know your neighbors. Go next door or downstairs, knock on the door and talk to them. (The conversation is surprisingly clearer this way than listening through a drinking glass.)

When a problem or a disturbance arises, go next door and check it out before frantically dialing 911. If it seems weird to just walk next door, ask for a cup of sugar or something. Check things out. If there doesn't seem to be any danger, smile and leave.

With any luck, the police won't have to respond to any more exuberant fans abusing the television or single neighbors listening to the t.v. too loudly. Save the police the time and your neighbors the embarrassment by walking next door.



The execution looms

Dear Editor,

As we move closer to May 17, the date for Timothy McVeigh's execution, it comes as no surprise that a group of college students, still degreeless and with very little real worth experience, would make one final attempt to minimize McVeigh's deed and to lessen his punishment.

First of all, I find it both improper and crass that you would take it upon yourself to shape what the survivors and relatives of the Oklahoma City bombing are entitled to in the way of closure. To accuse the victims' families of "wanting revenge" is totally irresponsible, and has no place in a publication allegedly putting out facts. You did not lose a child or parent or spouse, you did not suffer maiming and disfigurement at the hands of Timothy McVeigh.

Beyond that, there is the collective issue of how horrifying, how dreadful, how ruinous must a criminal act be to warrant the death penalty? If not Timothy McVeigh, who then would ever deserve to die? If a single terrorist were to set off a nuclear device in a large city, how many would have to die to justify capital punishment? A million? Twelve million? You tell us, since your students seem to have discovered the moral high ground all by yourself.

We, you and I, had a social contract with those 163 victims to protect them from harm. Capital punishment for McVeigh is the redemption of that contract. It also guards posthumously of the victims' dignity, by taking the life of he who took their lives.

Chase Hamilton
McLean, Virginia

The marriage myth

Dear Editor,

Recently, after meeting with some friends, our conversation turned towards marriage. I was surprised to hear one of the guys say that he wasn't a fan of traditional marriage and never wanted to get married or have kids. He was very cynical of marriage, and who could blame him? His parents divorced when he was younger, and his mom had recently remarried. To him, marriage ties you down and takes away your freedom. This attitude worries me.

Marriage has taken many hits in the past century and has been losing its appeal in the public eye. The media continues to perpetuate marriage as an institution that is restrictive and boring. It shows single life as the pinnacle of freedom, happiness, and excitement while marriage is something for the older generation. Popular shows like "Friends" and "Frasier" are excellent examples of how the media perpetuates these myths.

Shows are continuing to go lower, because we will watch them. The new show, "Temptation Island" is lowering the bar

Even further to completely mock marriage and commitment.

It is true that many marriages are failing today, leaving many feeling that divorce is inevitable and marriage is hopeless, but this is a myth. Marriage is a wonderful institution with many benefits, including better health, a longer life, and happiness. We don't need to support programs that spend time and money portraying marriage as a failing institution. We can and should support programs and organizations that do support marriage. Several organizations have shown that marriage can succeed. Three such organizations have helped many people in struggling marriages and have done a lot to help preparing for a lasting marriage: www.divorcebusting.com; www.marriagecrossraods.org and www.focusonthefamily.org. Show your support for marriage by joining their cause.

David Farnsworth
Orem

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Faculty farewell

Dear Editor,

For the past seven years, I have been privileged to teach BYU students in a variety of classes and circumstances. Without reservation, I can say that this experience has been one of the best of my life!! Consistently, I have found my students to be intellectually curious, hard-working and filled with integrity.

They have given great leeway to my bad jokes, my pedantic insistence on mastering concepts — not just information, and my wanting them to work together, write persuasively and hopefully be better prepared for life after taking my classes.

In the past year, on-campus media have featured stories addressing possible flaws in teaching here. It has been suggested that more use of technology and other tools might remedy what one survey found to be a consistent complaint — students don't feel they have enough contact with their teachers. Other studies suggest that class size and quality of students greatly impact classroom outcomes.

Much could be said about technology, technique and teaching. I am convinced that no technique, whether computerized tools or clever pedagogy, can substitute for the excitement and intellectual exchange which occurs when a prepared, interested instructor finds great ways to present material to active, engaged students. That exchange of ideas, on the best days, is nigh to being magical. I have loved my participation in that process.

As I leave this campus to take a new position at BYU-Idaho/Ricks College in its growing Communications Department, I bid fond farewell to the hundreds of young people with whom I have been greatly privileged to work.

To all of you — don't sell yourselves short! "You're already better than you think you are, but not as good as you're gonna get!"

Jay Rush
Communications Department

Ode to the mullet

Dear Editor,

There are few things in the world as beautiful and as awe-inspiring as the mullet. However, before the mullet can be appreciated, it must be understood. Yes, the mullet has been called the haircut of gods, and yes, it is accepted as the art but that doesn't mean that everyone can just go out and get a mullet.

The mullet isn't a haircut that can just be given; the mullet is a person, a very special person. The mullet, speaking of the person of course, looks down at us "cold-necks" with pity for our short unexpressed haircuts.

The mullet goes beyond a person, beyond a haircut; the mullet is unity. With the mullet there is no racism, no bigotry; all mullets are created equally.

Brad Barger
Star Valley, Wyo.

Cheap donations 1

Dear Editor,

Concerning the cute campaign s… "$1=$6. Do the math." I will be gr… ing with degrees in mathematics an… nomics and so feel qualified to "… math." This is what I found.

For every one dollar I contributed … would be a total of six dollars … tributed. However, as a graduating … money is a scarce commodity. But … that if we start with our equation $… and subtract $1 from each side w… that $0=$5. In other words, for ever… dollar contribution I make, a total … dollars will be contributed.

As it turns out I have a lot of n… and am quite willing to make as … zero dollar donations as the drive n… At first I considered making fifty … zero dollar contributions, enough t… struct a new building. Humility w… though and I decided a modest fift… dollar contributions would be enou… honor my BYU experience.

So farewell my fellow BYU unde… uates. I hope that my modest contri… will continue to be a boon for ye… come.

Steven Butler
Provo

Y nudists

Dear Editor,

This morning I woke up to find th… shining and the weather just perfect… hike up to the Y. I called up my frien… off we went. We reached the top of … and sat down to admire the view of … County.

As we talked, I realized that there … group of people lying down behind … bushes in the middle of the Y, and … their voices it sounded like a gro… young ladies.

I didn't really think much of it, a… friend and I continued talking. Th… the middle of one of my sentences, … these young ladies stood up from h… bathing session, and yes she was to…

I wonder if she even realized th… friend and I were sitting probab… yards above her because she w… around for about 30 seconds, turni… every direction, before she finall… down again.

What are you supposed to do? Y… talking with a girl about life and all … sudden Bam, there is a topless gi… yards in from of you.

I am sure the girls were from U… because hey, no BYU students … ever break the Honor Code, altho… don't recall a clause in the Honor … referring to no topless sunbathing … Y.

David Farrell
Anaheim, Calif.

Appreciate honor offi

Dear Editor,

Regarding Eric Snider's letter: I … pletely disagree with his assertion th… Honor Code Office works on an un… basis. Many of you probably agree … how many of you have actually had a… to find out?

I have. And I've got to say that the … ple in the Honor Code Office … incredibly nice to me. Not only did … not make me feel like I was being ju… but they were compassionate.

I sat in Steven Baker's office wit… for almost an hour. He explained … how to get back into BYU's good g… and then he told me that when I was … to come back, he would help me if … any problems.

Is this the evil Honor Code Office … mentioned constantly?

I'm willing to bet that the majori… people whining here aren't the one… have been to the Honor Code Offi… an infraction.

Let's do some research here, p… Not everybody who goes to the … Code Office comes out expelled o… pended for life.

Heather K. Davis
Pepperell, Mass.

ougars take on best from ne west at NCAA tourney

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Net Sports Writer

fairways are cut, the greens repped and the sand has eaked at the Trysting Tree Course in Corvallis, Ore., in tation for the arrival of the ollegiate women's golf in the west.

BYU women's golf team is g its eighth appearance in years in the NCAA West nal Tournament, attempting lify for the NCAA champi- tournament.

r finishing fourth in the tain West Conference, the ers, led by MWC player of ear, Carrie Summerhays, he tournament seeded No. of 21 teams.

merhays, daughter of PGA player, Bruce Sum- ys, has been a strong player e Cougars. Last year she ed sixth and qualified for AA championships.

ink we'll do pretty good," merhays said. "We've had good practices. School is his is the last tournament, I ve are ready to go out and ust how good we are."

challenge now is to face the n-packed PAC-10 confer- With Arizona, Southern rnia and Stanford topping eding chart, BYU has an road ahead.

omer Lisa Dernick, a jun- nsfer from the University of said the team has really ocusing on its short game its practices at the River- ountry Club.

re currently hitting the from the fairway only 55 t of the time," Dernick That's only 10 times in 18 A good stat is 66 percent ime."

ick said that because of ized short game drills, the have seen improvement play.

hing the green from the y is only one area of ovement the team has to n.

h Gary Howard said, the lso has to come through onsistent play in order to p the chart.

ve got to play our best golf ee days, which is some- ve've struggled to do this " Howard said.

ougars performance in the championships was slow-

File Photo

Carrie Summerhays, MWC player of the year, leads the Cougars into the NCAA Western Regional Tournament.

ed by final exams the week of the tournament. With no distractions, the Cougars are ready to prove just how strong of a team they really are.

"We're confident that we can compete and finish higher than our seeding," Howard said.

In order to do that, the team needs to put together three solid days of quality golf, a strong performance by Summerhays, and an improvement in their short game.

With the amount of work the Cougars have put in to preparing for this tournament and their determination to prove how strong they really are, all signs point to the possibility of a finish better than 11th place, which they took in 1993 and is the best in school history.

WOMEN'S GOLF

NCAA Western Regional Tournament

- **When:** May 11-13 at Trysting Tree Golf Course in Corvallis, Ore.
- **Sizing up BYU:** BYU finished fourth in the Mountain West Conference. The Cougars enter the tournament seeded No. 18 out of 21 teams.
- **Sizing up the competition:** The PAC-10 is power-packed with Arizona, Southern California and Stanford topping the seeding chart.

New recruit joins Y basketball ranks

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At the conclusion of the men's basketball season BYU lost its top two guards, Terrell Lyday and Trent Whiting. Luckily, help is on the way.

University of Wisconsin guard, Ricky Bower, announced last week he would be transferring to BYU.

Bower, a 6-foot-4-inch guard, who plays both backcourt positions, averaged 4.3 points per game last season for the Badgers while shooting 43 percent from three-point range.

Bower believes his style of play will fit in well at BYU. "I'm a bigger point guard. I shoot the ball well," he said.

Bower also thinks his experience playing in the Big Ten will prepare him to play in the Mountain West Conference.

"I bring some leadership to the table. I played in the best league (the Big Ten) in the nation," he said.

Bower will have to sit out in the upcoming season, but will be eligible to play for the Cougars during the 2002-2003 season.

Bower said he is anxious to get on the court.

"I'm just really excited to play with the guys and for coach Cleveland," he said.

The Cougars have also recently signed Jimmy Balderson, a 6-foot-5-inch shooting guard from Alberta, Canada. Balderson averaged 34 points per game in high school.

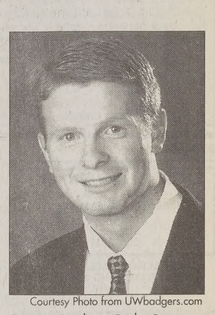
Bower began play last season under legendary coach Dick Bennett, who retired early in the season and a new coach soon replaced him. It was then that Bower decided to leave.

Bennett's replacement, Brad Soderberg had a similar slow-paced defensive style. But at the end of the season, Soderberg was released.

Bower decided to transfer after Soderberg's dismissal because he knew Wisconsin's new coach Bo Ryan would be playing a "different style of basketball," he said.

BYU was an obvious choice since both his father and older brother have played sports here.

Bower's father played football for LaVell Edwards in the early 70s, and his younger brother, Danny was a member of the Cougar basketball team.



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Former Badger, Ricky Bower joins Cougar basketball.

"Ricky is a real good fit for coach Cleveland's system," Danny said.

Danny added his brother would give the team a lot of options. "He's a great defender and a great shooter with a point guard mentality.

"When you play for BYU you represent something bigger than a university, bigger than a state," Bower said.

Stingers' season going strong

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Baseball is alive and well in Salt Lake City. The Stingers (20-11) are firmly atop the Central Division of the class AAA Pacific Coast League.

After Monday night's drubbing of the Memphis Redbirds, they certainly proved why. Base hits, aggressive base running and strong pitching are the keys for the Stingers.

Monday night was simply an offensive show without any real display of power. The Stingers pounded five Memphis pitchers for 22 hits. Only one of those hits was a home run and only four were for extra bases.

The Stingers are riding a wave of offensive production that has carried them to second place in the PCL with a .291 team batting average.

"With our speed we're going to manufacture runs," Manager Garry Templeton said summarizing the Stinger's offensive strategy. "When we get singles, guys are going to run the bases and be aggressive."

In five games previous to Monday night's game, the Stingers hurlers have produced a 6.89 ERA, dropping the Stingers to eighth in the PCL with a 4.04 team ERA.

Up next for the Stingers is a four game series with the Colorado Springs Sky Sox this week. They will also open a four game home stand against the Iowa Cubs at Franklin Covey Field on Saturday.

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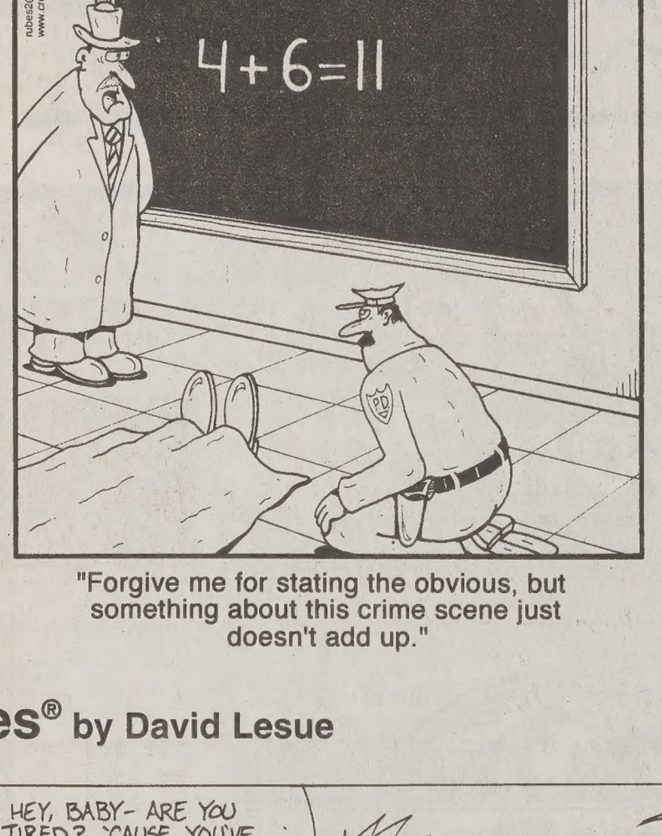

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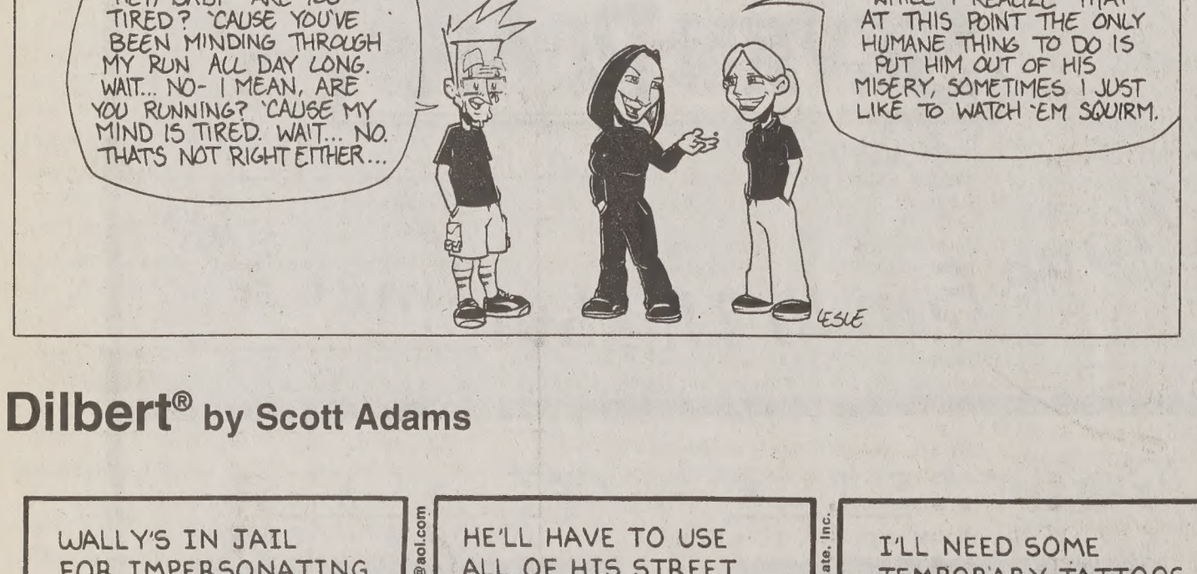
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HORAGE, Alaska — A arged with attempting to four elementary school by slashing their throats ilet knife lashed out Tues- sis court arraignment. the young children. Kill f. Kill the young children en kill yourself," Jason rd yelled as he was led e courtroom.

uard, 33, remained mute not answer questions dur- arraignment in District on four counts of first- attempted murder and four of first-degree assault. s restrained him in a chair vaist belt when he refused in seated. One continued on to the back of his shirt. s not represented by a

you Mr. Pritchard? Well, d that you are," District Nataliue Finn said when rd did not respond. "Do erstand what I'm saying? u hear me?" the judge

ard is charged with stab- ur children Monday as re waiting at Mountain lementary School for the st program to begin. He rested after being shot nes with bean bag projec-

the impression it was for alue. It seems he's doing zy act," Keith Leonard, her of two of the injured n, said of Pritchard's om outburst. His grand- ic Moy, 9, and Billy Moy, released from the hospital

two other children d hospitalized Tuesday. rown, 7, was in serious n and Stephan Hansell, 8, air condition after getting es.

't know why this would " Hansell told KTUU-TV. Leonard, the Moy broth- ndmother, said Pritchard be in a mental hospital. ot some severe problems. s help," she said.

nife came very close to Eric's jugular vein, his rents said. There were s that Billy wouldn't be talk. But, he called his other on the telephone rgery and asked for hash The surgery was done to s voice box.

rd was being held on $2 cash bail. A preliminary was scheduled Thursday.

> **"Kill the young children. Kill yourself. Kill the young children first, then kill yourself"**
> — Jason Pritchard

About 25 parents gathered Tuesday morning outside Mountain View Elementary School, to protest what they say is lax security at many Anchorage schools.

"I'm a concerned parent, and none of these schools are safe," said Denise Estell, who used to have children in the Mountain View school.

A couple of dozen counselors were on hand to help students and parents. The children were being encouraged to put their feelings into drawings.

"Grim," said Micki Resari, Mountain View Elementary PTA president, when asked to describe the mood of the school.

Charging documents say that when police arrived at the school, teacher Jeff Harriman was standing between Pritchard and Hansell, who was lying on the floor bleeding from a slashed throat. Harriman was using a student desk to keep Pritehard away from the boy.

An officer helped the teacher and the boy flee the room. As the officers kept Pritchard at gunpoint, he was talking about sending "his little brothers and sisters to Jehovah," according to the court documents.

He dropped the knife only when the third bean bag projectile broke his hand.

A search of an area where Pritchard's car was found revealed a handwritten note entitled, "Remember Columbine," charging documents say.

"Also you must have the faith that killing little children is their only hope and don't you be afraid of wicked people killing you and sending you to meet God & Jesus," the note said.

Pritchard, who was born in Eugene, Ore., apparently was living in his car at the time of Monday's attacks. He had been arrested 13 times since 1994 on charges that include assault, stalking, criminal trespassing and driving while intoxicated, police said. He used the Southcentral Counseling Center in Anchorage as a mailing address.

Olympic venues to be flame free?

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Utah's fire officials are taking extra precautions this fire season to ensure that the only flames present at the Olympic venues for the 2002 Winter Games will be brought in by torch.

Even though winter has just come to a close, government agencies like the Forest Service are gearing up for what could be a dry summer fire season.

With an especially wet and heavy storm last week, "the situation has improved a little bit," said Kathi Jo Pollock, public affairs spokeswoman for the National Forest Service.

Pollock also emphasized that it is still too soon to predict how dry this summer will be.

In fact, even agencies like the National Weather Service believe that a long-range prediction for the summer is difficult to make right now.

An extended forecast into May and June would be enormously helpful, but nearly impossible to accurately predict at this point in the season, said Marilu Trainor, public affairs specialist for the National Weather Service.

"We have no idea what Mother Nature is going to rule," she said.

But Trainor said a wetter-than-normal summer would be desirable for the last fire season before the Olympics.

"We really want everyone doing rain dances," Trainor said.

Even if the state was favored with a heavy rain season, the fire situation could still be a threat.

Though the state has enjoyed some fairly large storms in March and April, Pollock said heavy precipitation now could actually make the fire situation worse this summer.

Pollock said when heavy rains fall early in the fire season, grasses and other potential fuels grow quickly.

But when the heat turns up in the summer and rainfall decreases, the grasses can dry out and make the fire situation more critical.

Pollock said that when the grasses and brush become dry enough, anything from a lightning strike to a burning cigarette can cause the dry fuels to turn into a large brush fire.

Utah has learned to live with the threat of forest and brush fire. Living in a desert state with notoriously brutal summers, Utah residents have come to expect the yearly threat of wildfires.

But now that the world's attention is turning toward the Salt Lake area for the 2002 Olympic Games, a devastating fire season is something that various agencies are trying to prevent.

The Forest Service is working with the Bureau of Land Management as well as state and local firefighters to make sure the Olympic venues are kept safe, said Erin O'Connor, Forest Service spokeswoman.

A fire at some of the Olympic sites would encroach on the areas under the agency's jurisdiction.

For example, Snowbasin, which was chosen to host the downhill and Super G events, is in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

Soldier Hollow, less than a half hour up Provo Canyon and the venue for the biathlon, is also under Forest Service supervision.

Just because some parts of Utah will be carefully watched during this fire season, Pollock said that fire officials will also be putting extra efforts in protecting the rest of the state as well.

"What we are looking at is Soldier Hollow and Snowbasin, but even along the front we're keeping a close eye on it," Pollock said.

If some of Utah's mountains or grasslands are still recovering from the effects of a large fire months later as the Olympic Games are underway, the natural beauty of the state would be lessened, Pollock said.

To lessen the threat of wildfires this summer, the Forest Service is considering having controlled burns and physically hauling out dead or dry fuels from threatened areas.

A controlled burn is when dry fuels are purposely ignited and allowed to burn under close supervision to lessen the strength that a wildfire would have if it later burned through the area.

However, a controlled burn does put out smoke like a wildfire would, which adds to the state's air pollution levels.

While mechanically removing the dry or rotted timber from high-risk areas does not involve burning the fuels, it is more expensive and time consuming than a controlled burn would be, Pollock said.

"It takes a real lot to do that, and it's somewhat spendy," Pollock said.

Internet helps real estate

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With home buying information available on the Internet, it may sometime seem like real estate agents are no longer necessary.

Becky Zabriskie, an Orem-based Mansell and Associates real estate agent, said the opposite is true.

"It's not a competition between the two, rather they help each other. The ability for Internet virtual tours makes it easier to work with buyers," she said. "They use the Internet to help them find the perfect house."

The vast array of home-buying information available on the Internet has made for more educated buyers.

"People know exactly what they want and come to me to help them get it," Zabriskie said.

Zabriskie said with home buying contracts as complicated as they are, agents are still needed.

The Internet also helps agents like Zabriskie keep in contact with their clients.

"I can e-mail anything I want to a client even if I'm working late at night, and I don't have to bother them with a lot of phone calls," she said.

Homebuyers should also take advantage of the Internet and use it to find a lender.

"You just need to fill out an application online, and within minutes, lenders will send you their offers," Zabriskie said.

Zabriskie recommended that homebuyers find out how much of a loan they qualify for before looking for homes.

"Many times people will be looking at certain homes and find out they don't even qualify for them. If you know what you qualify for first, then you'll know your limits," Zabriskie said.

Zabriskie says that now lenders are willing to loan homebuyers more money because it's a buyer's market, meaning there are more homes for sale than buyers.

"Right now buyers have the upper hand over the sellers. There are simply more houses for sale than there are buyers for," Zabriskie said.

This buyer's market will allow homebuyers to get more home for their money.

Homebuilders are also taking advantage of the buyer's market and low interest rates, and selling many homes. April and Carl Dietz, both recent BYU graduates decided now was a good time for them to build their first home.

"We wanted to take advantage of low interest rates, and get some good equity," April Dietz said.

She said the building of their home went smoothly, relatively quickly and she was very pleased with the final product.

"It's new. We've never lived in anything new so I don't have very many complaints," April said.

Just as homeowners are excited to have a new home, builders are excited to provide them with one.

Ken Donahoo, project manager for Fulton Homes in Phoenix, Arizona said the Internet is a great place for homebuyers to comparison shop.

"Homebuyers need to do their homework. Get online to compare prices, and you'll realize that a newly built home is a good investment," Donahoo said.

"You have less to worry about with a new home. They're not as old so they're easier to maintain," he said.

Donahoo said new home warranties attract first time buyers.

ace visitor upset by NASA's reaction

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ity, Russia — California financier Dennis owed both sentimentality and flashes of esday as he reflected on his six days on the ional space station and the U.S. space bitter reaction to his trip.

ost profound moment for him was when he his children on Earth over what he called a io link, Tito said, choking up. While he to being called a "space tourist," he was to the term being applied to him.

ld like people to see me as a serious man a dream and pursued it in the face of great ," he told reporters at Star City, the Russian aut training center where he worked for o prepare for his trip.

portedly paid Russian space agencies up to lion for the trip, which was originally to be to Russia's Mir space station. After was scrapped in March, his destination was to the International Space Station — over protests from NASA, the U.S. space agency.

Tito was aboard the space station last week, photos from the windows, preparing meals elf and the two cosmonauts and helping out r chores. NASA chief Daniel Goldin spoke bout his trip at a U.S. congressional hearing in Washington.

Goldin claimed that NASA workers were under stress because they had to work to ensure the safety of a nonprofessional aboard the station. He said Tito should have waited, like movie director James Cameron, who apparently decided to delay his trip until the space station is ready for tourists. Cameron, a Canadian citizen, was "an American patriot," Goldin said.

Tito reacted angrily Tuesday when asked about Goldin's comment.

"With all due respect to Mr. Goldin, I don't think he's in a position to determine who is an American patriot and who isn't," Tito said.

His cosmonaut colleague, Soyuz commander Talgat Musabayev, jumped to Tito's defense, saying he was more than a tourist.

"A flight into space is not a flight on a Boeing 747," Musabayev said.

As for NASA's complaints, he said: "We are happy for the successes that NASA has achieved. Why doesn't NASA have a similar position toward us?"

Tito, Musabayev and cosmonaut Yuri Baturin returned to Earth on Sunday, and doctors have given them an initial clean bill of health. Tito is to return to the United States on Saturday.

ron: Palestinians endanger children

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ALEM — Prime Minis- Sharon charged Tuesday Palestinians were know- dangering children in ruggle with Israel, as d Gazans laid to rest a 4- d Palestinian girl killed fire.

ears of an escalation t, Sharon angrily reject- ds for a building freeze settlements in exchange e, telling a news confer- elis should "not have to der not to be killed."

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relatives streamed to a the extended family, he body of Iman - the t victim of more than nths of fighting - lay on

weeping father Mohammed, 21, a Palestinian policeman leaned down to kiss his daughter and wept. "I want to spit in the face of this ugly world," he said before the funeral cortege left to wind its way through the camp.

"We don't want negotiations - we want bus bombs!" mourners chanted.

The baby's 19-year-old mother, her grandmother and three more children belonging to the extended family were all seriously injured by shrapnel when a shell crashed in the small backyard of the family's cinderblock house in the Khan Yunis refugee camp in the Gaza Strip on Monday. The baby suffered massive wounds in the abdomen and the back.

Israel fired shells into Khan Yunis camp after four mortars landed in Jewish settlements in Gaza, causing no injuries.

Appearing before the Foreign Press Association in Jerusalem, Sharon expressed sorrow for the killing, but accused Palestinians of firing the mortars from near the Hijo family house.

"They do it quite often," he said. "They deployed their mortars by schools ... and disappeared immediately. It happened several times (and) this is what happened this time. The soldiers, after one of our communities was hit by mortar fire, (fired at) the place where the mortar was deployed."

"Everyone understands that children should not be in the front, and armed people, armed terrorists, should not act or shoot behind children... Every country that has got some moral values understands it."

Sharon also blamed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for launching an offensive despite former premier Ehud Barak's "very courageous" offer - which Sharon, as opposition leader, opposed - for a Palestinian state in most of the West Bank, Gaza and parts of east Jerusalem.

"The fire should be stopped, and the one who is responsible is Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority. ... After calm is restored, we start negotiations."

However, Sharon has said he would offer the Palestinians little beyond the 40 percent of the West Bank and two-thirds of Gaza that they already control.

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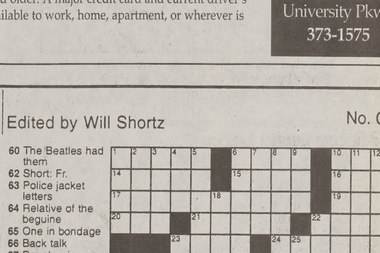
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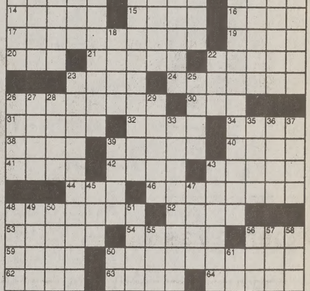
6 Bindle bearer
10 "King Kong" star
14 Sudden outburst
15 Stewpot
16 Space opener?
17 Time for a blockbuster movie, maybe
19 RR __
20 Glaswegian's negative
21 Caravan maker
22 Guardian spirits
23 Floral arrangement
24 Favorable factors
26 Hoped-for trait in a spouse
30 Sitter's handful
31 They may be caught off base
32 Revival cry
34 Dept. of Labor agcy.
38 Israel's Eshkol
39 __-ovo-vegetarian
40 Airport info, for short
41 They're sometimes rolled over
42 Nanjing nanny
43 Numbers for 18-Down
44 Unlikely Oscar nominee
46 "Don't go anywhere!"
48 "10" star
52 Swank
53 Verdi's "__ Miller"
54 Less friendly
56 Fast-food inits.
59 O's is 8
60 The Beatles had them
62 Short: Fr.
63 Police jacket letters
64 Relative of the beguine
65 One in bondage
66 Back talk
67 Dough raiser

DOWN

1 Part of N.B.A.: Abbr.
2 Gilda's Baba
3 On the safe side?
4 "__ got it!"
5 Big cheeses
6 Greeting from Tex, perhaps
7 Designer for Jackie
8 [expletive deleted]
9 Symbol of might
10 Shines as Robert Frost might?
11 Jockey straps
12 Links legend, informally
13 Nirvana seekers
18 Slugger Sammy
22 Bubble source
23 Devours
25 Start to type?
26 Niger neighbor
27 One who's in the hole
28 Bagel stuffer
29 Places to play 8-ball
33 They have morals
35 Like some parties
36 "... __ no fury ..."
50 Converted railroad car, maybe
51 Plains Indian
55 No. brains?
56 __ Sutra
57 Whopper juniors?
58 Suffix with demo-
60 Much of an ed.'s in-box
61 Peach or tangerine



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Lawyer expects nomination

Associated Press

Washington — President Bush intends to nominate securities lawyer Harvey L. Pitt, a general counsel of the Securities and Exchange Commission in the 1970s, as chairman of the watchdog agency, an administration official said Tuesday.

There was no immediate indication of when the White House would announce the nomination.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Pitt's clients in his law practice have included major brokerage firms and the New York Stock Exchange, which he would regulate as SEC chairman. He also represented inside trader Ivan Boesky during the Wall Street scandals of the late 1980s and early 1990s.

If confirmed by the Senate, Pitt would assume the job at a time of stock market turbulence and disappointment for many investors who had become accustomed to steady gains during the long-running bull market that ended last year.

Pitt, 56, is a partner in Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson in Washington. His name had been circulating for weeks as a leading candidate for the SEC position, after several Wall Street and corporate executives turned down the White House's offer of the job.

Pitt also would have to grapple with complex market issues arising from technological changes and the rival electronic markets that have challenged the dominance of the NYSE and the Nasdaq Stock Market in recent years.

He would succeed Clinton appointee Arthur Levitt, the longest-serving SEC chairman, who was a champion of small investors. Levitt left the job in February, and Bush named Laura Unger, the only Republican SEC commissioner, as acting chairwoman.

SEC officials have declined to discuss Pitt's possible nomination publicly, but several were privately delighted at the prospect of someone who had come from their ranks, taking the helm.

In past years, SEC chairmen often have come to the agency from the securities industry and frequently have been major fundraisers for the party in the White House. Levitt, for example, had headed the American Stock Exchange and was a leading Clinton-Gore fund-raiser before being appointed by President Clinton in July 1993.

Pitt was general counsel at the SEC from 1975 to 1978. He also has been chief counsel of the agency's market regulation division.

In private law practice, Pitt represented the New York Stock Exchange in the SEC's case accusing the exchange of failing to enforce laws barring its floor brokers from making trades that profited them personally. In a June 1999 settlement with the regulators, in which the exchange neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing, the exchange agreed to improve oversight of the brokers yet wasn't subject to any administrative censure or fines.

More recently, Pitt represented Michael Saylor, the founder and chief executive of once high-flying software company MicroStrategy Inc., after the SEC alleged accounting fraud.

A Mohawk hairdo for the lawn

Rows of sod have been removed from the lawns between the JKHB and the TMCB.

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Program aims to benefit kids

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Senators Orrin Hatch and Hillary Rodham Clinton have come together to help children fulfill their dreams.

Senators Hatch and Clinton chaired "The Power of a Dream" gala at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C., Tuesday night.

Wintley Phipps, a gospel vocalist, founded the U.S. Dream Academy in 1998.

"I am so proud to join Senator Hatch in chairing this event, which will help fuel the dreams of many children who have a parent in prison or are falling behind in school," stated Clinton in a news release.

According to a spokesman for the organization, Hatch and Clinton were brought together by Phipps, a mutual friend.

Byron Daynes, political science professor at BYU believes the reason Clinton and Hatch have joined together is to help the academy.

"The only way to sell a small program is to join a liberal and conservative who are visible, and sell it to congress," Daynes said.

Phipps said, "This event truly will energize the power of a dream — we can now start opening new Dream Academy Learning Centers across the country."

All 100 senators are in support of the academy as well as some members of the House of Representatives, according to the news release.

"Tonight's unprecedented congressional support for the Dream Academy's work is a testament to the strong value of this innovative program," Hatch said in a news release. "We are all so excited to share in the Power of a Dream."

Sen. Clinton said, "The Dream Academy gives children a reason to have confidence in themselves and hope in their futures."

Nearly 600 guests attended the ball to raise approximately $1.5 million to help fund the learning centers.

Phipps performed at the gala along with a children's choir.

Attorneys concede clients' actions in 1998 bombing

Defendants could face death penalty

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the embassy bombings trial neared its conclusion, defense attorneys conceded Tuesday that two of their clients had minor roles in the deadly 1998 blasts but said prosecutors distorted their actions in an attempt to tie them to a vast conspiracy.

Khalfan Khamis Mohamed and Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-'Owhali could face the death penalty if convicted of conspiracy. Two other defendants, Wadih El-Hage and Mohamed Sadeek Odeh, could face life in prison.

The nearly simultaneous attacks on Aug. 7, 1998, on embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, killed 224 people, including 12 Americans, and injured thousands of others.

Attorney Frederick Cohn did not dispute allegations that Al-'Owhali, 24, rode in a bomb-hauling truck and hurled stun grenades before the blast in Nairobi.

> "What evidence is there that he knew about the scope of the conspiracy? Frankly, there is none at all."
> — Frederick Cohn, defense attorney

But he argued that the federal government's case was built on an unreliable and coerced statement Al-'Owhali gave FBI agents only after he was "kept in terrible conditions in fear of his life" for 10 days in a Kenyan jail.

Both Cohn and David Ruhnke, lawyer for Mohamed, 27, told the jury that the defendants were unaware the bombings were part of Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden's war on Americans.

Ruhnke conceded Mohamed rented the house where the Tanzania bomb was built, and helped prepare TNT. But he sought to portray Mohamed as an unwitting pawn who only "did manual labor on the bomb, always at the direction of others."

Like Ruhnke, Cohn argued that in order to convict, the jury would have to find that Al-'Owhali knew about an alleged decade-long plot by bin Laden's terrorist organization, Al Qaeda, to kill Americans across the globe.

"What evidence is there that he knew about the scope of the conspiracy? Frankly, there is none at all," Cohn said. "It's all innuendo."

In a rebuttal argument, prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald said bin Laden never hid his intentions from anyone.

Prosecutors were to conclude their rebuttal Wednesday. U.S. District Judge Leonard Sand was expected to begin instructing the jury, the final step before deliberations.

Activities planned for Olympic Park

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Traveling at freeway speeds is something that most people experience in a car. This summer in the Utah Olympic Park it will be possible to ride a self-steering bobsled up to 60 mph.

The Olympic Park will be hosting a variety of pay events this summer to be watched and experienced.

Vania Grandi, a media relations manager for Salt Lake Organizing Committee, said, "The purpose for the Park this summer is to give the public a taste of being an Olympic athlete."

Grandi said the new bobsled runs on wheels and seats up to 4 passengers, traveling up to 60 mph down the actual bobsleigh track.

The trip down the track is 1,335 meters, almost a mile long. The sled is special made for this summer and the wheels will fit into the contours of the track.

The bobsled will be available from June 15 through August 19.

Young participants, two years and older, can try out the "Jack" bungee. The bungee apparatus will allow participants to learn flips and twists with a bungee cord suspended above an inflated mat.

Grandi said that athletes use the same bungee system to train on new tricks before trying them out in the freestyle jump event.

The Park will also feature freestyle shows every Saturday starting on June 30 and continuing until August 18. In this event patrons can watch as Olympic hopefuls do tricks and stunts off the freestyle jump to land in a 750,000-gallon pool.

On August 25 there will be competition for freestyle skiers and snowboarders. Participants will compete off the Olympic Park's water ramps.

Nordic jumpers will begin training on Friday and continue to October 14. The athletes will be jumping on plastic throughout the summer.

September 1-2 is the Continental Cup with international ski jumpers on the K90 and K120. This will be the last day of plastic jumping before winter.

Grandi said the runway for the K90 and K120 is made out of porcelain to help the skis run down the track. There is a sprinkling system on the runway to keep the porcelain slick. The jumpers land on a slope of plastic "shingles" and slide into the grass.

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